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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT *THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...*

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Meeting with Indonesian Minister of State to
Assist the President in Defense and Security
Affairs and Vice Commander-in-Chief General
Maraden Panggabean
Friday, September 8, 1972
10:25 a.m. (5 minutes)
Oval Office

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I. PURPOSE

To reaffirm the strong support that you attach to the progress and stability that Indonesia has achieved under President Suharto's leadership, and to give you the opportunity to convey your personal regards to President Suharto.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, PRESS

A. Background. General Panggabean's visit to the U.S. on September 5-9 is at the invitation of Admiral Moorer. En route he has already visited Thailand and the Philippines, and on his way he will stop in London and possibly other West European capitals. General Panggabean requested a call on you, and he will be meeting with me just before he sees you. I will plan to bring him to the Oval Office at 10:25 a.m. for a brief courtesy call on you. Additional background information is at Tab B.

B. Participants. General Panggabean, myself.

C. Press Plan. There will be a routine press announcement. Ollie Atkins photo only.

III. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS

Your talking points are at Tab A.

Attachments

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Recommended Talking Points

-- Ask General Panggabean to convey to President Suharto your continued strong support for the outstanding progress and the political stability which Indonesia has achieved under his leadership.

-- Assure Panggabean that the U.S. will maintain our military and economic assistance to Indonesia at least at their present levels.

-- Reassure Panggabean that the U.S. is not withdrawing from Asia, and that the Nixon Doctrine is intended to enable us to meet our commitment in Asia and to retain the necessary support among the American people to do so.

-- (If Panggabean asks for substantially increased U.S. military assistance, including more sophisticated equipment such as F-4's.) You are sure that this problem can be worked out satisfactorily between the Department of Defense and the Indonesian Government.

-- (If Panggabean asks for U.S. financial support for Indonesia's regional counterinsurgency plan Taruna.) You hope that our increased levels of military aid will provide the needed assistance for Indonesia's efforts to improve regional security cooperation, which we support in principle.

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Background

25X1 General Panggabean's primary objective on this trip apparently is to gather facts and sound out opinion as regards an enlarged Southeast Asian security role for Indonesia in the wake of the U. S. withdrawal from Vietnam.

he may ask for combat jets, a stepped-up flow of excess defense articles, and for U. S. support for a regional counterinsurgency training program code-named Taruna which Indonesia is interested in sponsoring. (U. S. security assistance for Indonesia for FY72 totaled \$21.5 million. For FY73 we are requesting \$34.5 million in grant MAP and excess defense articles.)

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25X1 General Panggabean is second only to President Suharto in the Indonesian military structure, but is one among several competitors for second place in political power.

Panggabean will be the first ranking Indonesian official to visit Washington since Foreign Minister Malik was here last fall following the U. N. General Assembly session, over which he presided as President. You have sent several messages to President Suharto since late last year, most recently via Secretary Rogers during his July visit to Djakarta and Admiral Zumwalt during his August trip to Indonesia.

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